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## City wants housing above shopping center

Steve Robles

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ARCATA — In order to comply with state rules on developing affordable housing for its residents, Arcata is appealing to local developers to create partnerships that will result in more access.

"I just wanted to take the opportunity to put a shout-out to the building community," said Director of Com-

munity Development David Loya at last week's Planning Commission meeting. "If you want to come work with us on affordable housing we'll work with you. Yes, it's a new ball of wax that you'll have to learn, but we'll help you learn it."

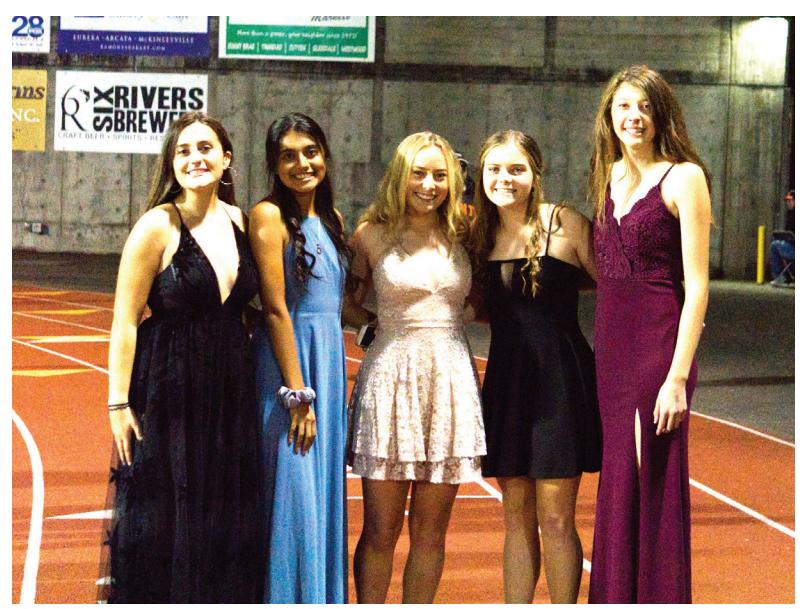
After the state changed its requirements for municipalities to develop affordable housing, the city is considering which areas of the city and

which sites in those areas would be best for placing affordable housing.

The city is most keenly focused on mixed usage, properties that combine retail and business space with housing. Loya is particularly interested in converting the Uniontown Shopping Center into such a development.

At a recent planning commission meeting, Loya showed a photo of the

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**GO TIGERS!** Arcata High School celebrated Homecoming last week, culminating in Friday's parade around the Arcata Plaza, followed by the big football game. Top left, Kein Mazzotti advances down the field. Above, Homecoming queen candidates. Arcata High took on Hoopa and won the game with a score of 36-19.

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## Supes weigh fraud risk

Daniel Mintz

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HUMBOLDT — After a long discussion, Humboldt County supervisors agreed that there is a risk of fraud in government operations but most couldn't completely agree that the risk is high.

The reform of the county's Auditor-Controller's Office figured into the Board of Supervisors' response to a Grand Jury finding during the discussion at the Oct. 8 board meeting.

Continued from the previous week's meeting, the discussion focused on proposed responses to recent Grand Jury findings on the county's financial oversight.

One finding is that there is "a high risk of fraud in a number of county departments due to their poor cash handling policies and procedures, improper accounting, and lack of accountability."

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## Coming to grips with planned power outage

Jada Brotman & Jack Durham

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HUMBOLDT — The Arcata City Council will receive an update tonight, Oct. 16 on how the city responded to last week's power outage and how it can do better during future outages. The council meets at 6 p.m. in the Council Chamber, 736 F St., Arcata.

The council's discussion will likely mirror those of community members and business owners, who have been reflecting on the planned power outage and how they can better prepare for, or maybe even prevent, future outages.

### 'Precautionary measure'

Pacific Gas & Electric sent out a notification Monday morning, Oct. 7 warning that due to high winds, it might shut down power to much of Northern California, but Humboldt wasn't included in the list of affected counties.

Then, at about 1:20 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 8, PG&E issued a press release stating that it would be shutting off electrical power early Wednesday morning, Oct. 9, shortly after midnight for 34 counties, including Humboldt.

In past years, the utility company would have simply kept the power on and would have responded to downed power lines. But given the deadly wildfires in recent years, PG&E isn't taking any chances.

In October of 2017, the Tubbs Fire resulted in 22 casualties and burned 5,643 structures in Napa, Sonoma and Lake counties. Entire residential neighborhoods were wiped out in Santa Rosa. Last November, the Camp Fire nearly wiped out the town of Paradise, killed 85 people and destroyed 18,804 structures.

Both of these fires were fueled by strong winds and dry conditions. Similar conditions existed last week in Northern California.

"PG&E initiated a PSPS [Public Safety Power Shutoff] on Wednesday due to hot, windy weather across its service area. Wind gusts in excess of 70 miles per hour were recorded Wednesday evening and into Thursday," stated a press release from PG&E.

The power was shut off to portions of 34 northern, central and coastal counties, affecting electric service for nearly 800,000 customers, according to PG&E.

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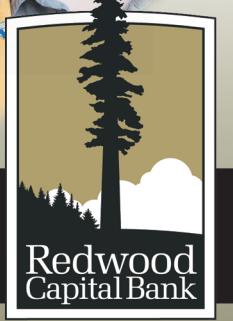
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## Despite concerns, supes OK voting system

**Daniel Mintz**

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HUMBOLDT — Humboldt County is sticking with the company that now provides election ballot system equipment, but the chair of the Board of Supervisors has voted against doing so due to timing and cost issues.

The Hart InterCivic company was chosen as the county's voting system vendor by a majority of supervisors at their Oct. 8 meeting. Registrar of Voters Kelly Sanders said Hart has been the county's vendor since 2006 and was the only company to meet all of the county's selection criteria in a competitive process.

Counties across the state are updating their voting systems as ones in use were decertified by the state last February. One of the county's key criteria for choosing a vendor is that all of its



Rex Bohn

systems must be state-certified.

Sanders said Hart was the only company whose systems are fully certified. But another company, Dominion Voting Systems, offered a less costly system that's more commonly used.

"For \$176,000 more, I suspect that there's got to be a lot of benefits that you're seeing," Supervisor Virginia Bass said to Sanders in reference to the price difference.

Sanders acknowledged that Dominion "has the majority of California counties" but "we totally vetted both systems and we felt that the Hart system is the best fit for Humboldt County."

The new system will employ paper ballot voting for all categories and Sanders said it will "get results out to the public quicker." Ballots will be scanned and can be displayed on a monitor to determine a voter's intent if there are cross-outs or other uncertainties.

The upcoming primary election has been moved from June to March and Sanders explained that there's not enough time to reject Hart's bid and restart the selection process.

"So if we don't approve this today, we can't have an election?" said a disappointed Board Chair Rex

Bohn. "Because if that's the case, it's kind of like, 'Buy your insurance today or we're going to burn your house down tomorrow.'"

He asked why the bid approval is coming "so late."

"Basically, if it's not approved today, we do not have a certified system for March if we do not move forward," Sanders said.

"Alright — I hope other departments don't take a hint off of this and bring everything in late and we don't have a choice," Bohn said.

But Supervisor Steve Madrone emphasized that Hart is the only company that fully responded to the county's criteria, including the essential criteria of being fully certified.

"It happens sometimes, when things are on deadlines," he said. "And in the contracting world, there are responsive bids and non-responsive bids — and what you have is one responsive bid."

"Frankly, as much as I would like to save money, I do have concerns about the Dominion platform," Madrone continued. "I'm fully supportive and ready to approve this now."

Supervisors voted to go with Hart, with Bohn dissenting.

The new system will cost \$875,000, which will be covered through state and federal grants. The state portion requires a county match of \$218,000.



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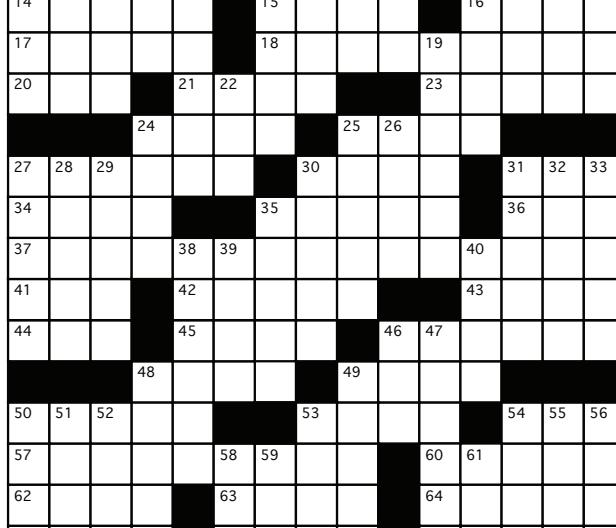
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- Girls' names
- Sharp weapons
- Inter \_\_\_\_; among other things
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- Cosmetics brand
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- Everyone
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- German article
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## District, teachers still at odds

**Michael H Pazeian**

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MCKINLEYVILLE — The multipurpose room at McKinleyville High School was filled on Oct. 8 with proud and passionate people who love their schools and students. People were in attendance for a meeting of the Northern Humboldt Union High School District Board of Trustees.

The main topic was the labor dispute between teachers and the district, which oversees Arcata and McKinleyville High schools, Pacific Coast High, Tsurai High and Six Rivers Charter High.

I asked Illea Hakenen, a member of the teacher negotiating team about the Oct. 4 meeting with the district team. "It was a colossal waste of time," she said.

Steve Nystrom said, "we made an offer."

Teacher JoAnn Moore said, "we have had a great relationship with the District for 10-12 years."

The teachers' offer was a desire for a 1.85 percent pay increase. The State of California calculates the (COLA) cost of living increase each year (3.2 %) and then increases that amount of money coming to

the schools. So, the teachers are now asking for half of that increase in money.

The board did approve the nominations and voted to add three student reps to the board: Maritca Solano from McKinleyville High, Ty Vizenor from Arcata HS, and Emma Scott from Six Rivers HS.

During public comments many spoke from the heart:

JoAnn Moore said, "the district has the money."

Steve Nystrom said, "we are not talking about a raise, we are talking about half of what the district got from the state."

Jennifer Coriell said, "NoHum students deserve the best and I want to reopen my doors."

A 26-year-veteran teacher, Susan Loeato, said "don't do it for me, do give us this offer for our younger teachers, and the future teachers of our district."

The board held a special meeting Saturday to discuss negotiations.

The board will also meet on Monday, Oct. 21 from 4:45 to 5:45 p.m. at the district office, 2755 McKinleyville Ave. in McKinleyville.

### MEETING WITH LEGAL COUNSEL

The Arcata City Council will meet in closed session today, Oct. 16 at 5:30 p.m. with its legal counsel to discuss two lawsuits related to the killing of 19-year-old David Josiah Lawson, who was stabbed to death in April 2017 at an off-campus house party in Arcata. One lawsuit was filed by Charmaine Lawson, the mother of the slain HSU student. She contends that the Arcata Police Department bungled the case. The second lawsuit was filed by Kyle Zoellner, who claims police falsely arrested him as a suspect in the killing of Lawson, violated his civil rights and defamed his character. Charges were ultimately dropped against Zoellner. The council will reconvene into open session at 6 p.m. and may announce if any decisions were made in closed session.

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**MCK TOWN CENTER** The McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee (McKMAC) is requesting

participation from community members to work with the McKMAC, Humboldt County Planning Department and Town Center property owners to create a draft ordinance for the McKinleyville Town Center. This process will be held at meetings during the fall and winter of 2019-2020. "Your expertise, skills and involvement are important to the future of our community," stated a press release from the McKMAC. If you are interested and would like to receive notices of the scheduled meetings please contact the McKMAC by emailing Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board, County of Humboldt, at [khayes@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:khayes@co.humboldt.ca.us). Desired areas of expertise include the following: engaged community member; property development; indigenous descent; residential neighbor to the Town Center; real estate; service organization involvement; natural resource/wetland biology; land trust/conservation easement; construction - commercial and/or multifamily; legal; architectural; banking; business; student (15 years old); active transportation user and/or bus commuter.

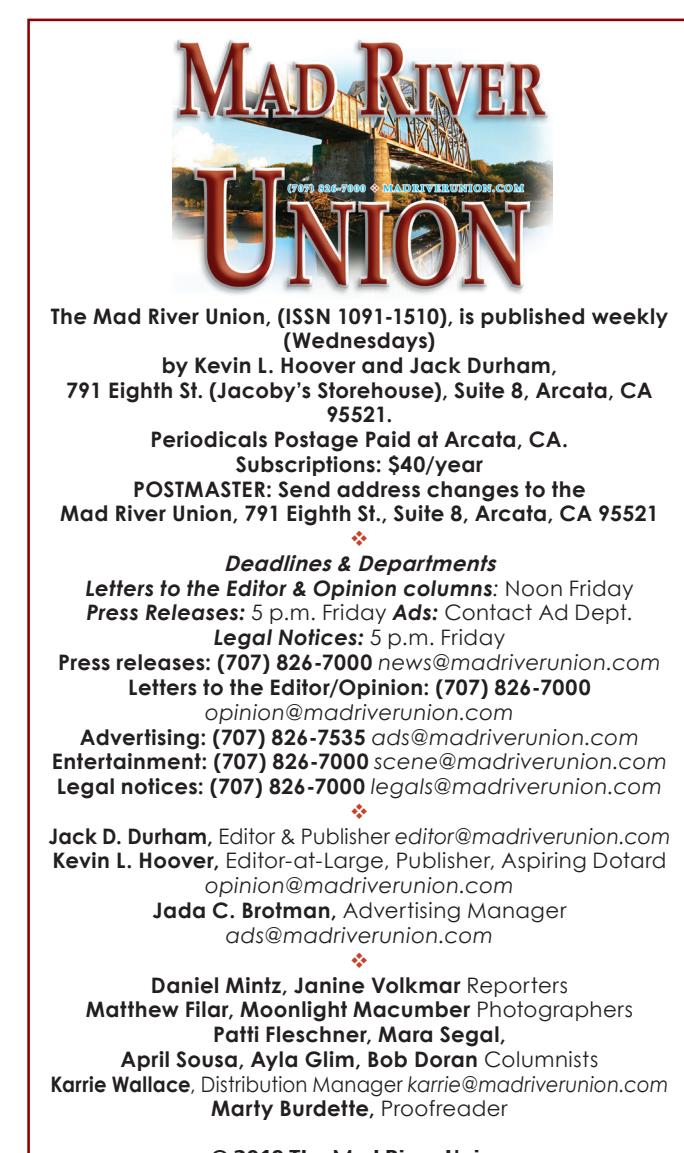
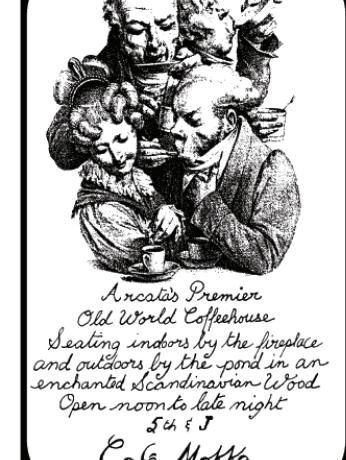
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## Arcata looks at mobilehome park protection

**Steve Robles**  
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ARCATA — As mobilehome owners struggle to stay afloat with rising rents, the City of Arcata is considering the landscape of the market in coming years.

The role of mobilehome parks in addressing affordable housing requirements is essential in Humboldt, and an increasing amount of the owners of these sites are considering converting them to other uses, which could place a burden on an already taxed market for affordable housing.

To help put the brakes on such development, the city is placing disincentives, including relocation stipends, on mobilehome park owners.

At the Oct. 8 meeting of the Arcata Planning Commission, residents of Lazy J Ranch trailer park spoke of their concerns the relocation requirements on land owners were not robust enough to protect vulnerable residents, most of whom are retired.

After hearing from concerned residents at the hearing, the planning commission decided to bolster protections for displaced tenants as well as providing for affordable

housing in any future developments.

The city's mobile home zoning plan would affect every mobile home park in the city.

Except one: Arcata Trailer Court.

David Loya, director of community development, says the reason for the disparity is simple — while the city is discouraging redevelopment on most parks, talks have been ongoing with the owner of Arcata Trailer Park to convert the site to a mixed-use space in accordance with the plan for the Arcata Gateway area.

But the owner isn't interested.

"There's no incentive for that person to change their use right now," he said, "the property is making money. In order for that property to be even considered for conversion, the city would have to do something to make the conversion prospects so valuable that the land owner would start to think about either converting that property or selling it to someone who would."

As far as what the city is doing in terms of affordable housing, Loya said if you compare Arcata to surrounding communities, the city is clearly doing all it can.

"The situation is dire out there," he said. "We'll continue to do the best we can to bring quality projects to the city of Arcata. I think housing quality and housing equality are things we need to address."

## More passengers at ACV

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MCKINLEYVILLE —

The Humboldt County Department of Aviation recently released passenger data for the first nine months of 2019. Overall passenger traffic at the California Redwood Coast — Humboldt County Airport (ACV) in McKinleyville is up considerably over the same period last year.

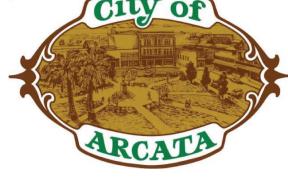
"We're very pleased by the increase in passengers at ACV," said Cody Roggatz, Director of Aviation. "It's great to see our airport busy and we look forward to continuing our recent growth and success. Our department is working hard to accommodate the increase in passenger and airline traffic. We've got a great airport and we love sharing it with travelers from all over the world. I want to thank

our passengers and community for their continued support. I would like to especially thank those businesses, organizations, and individuals who have invested their time and money to improving local air service."

Nearly 62,000 passengers boarded planes at ACV in the first nine months of 2019. This is an increase of 23 percent, nearly 11,700 passengers, over the same period in 2018. It's an increase of 54 percent, or over 20,000 passengers, since United Airlines converted to all-jet service to San Francisco in 2015. Subsequently, United started service to Los Angeles International Airport in June 2018 and Denver International Airport in June 2019.

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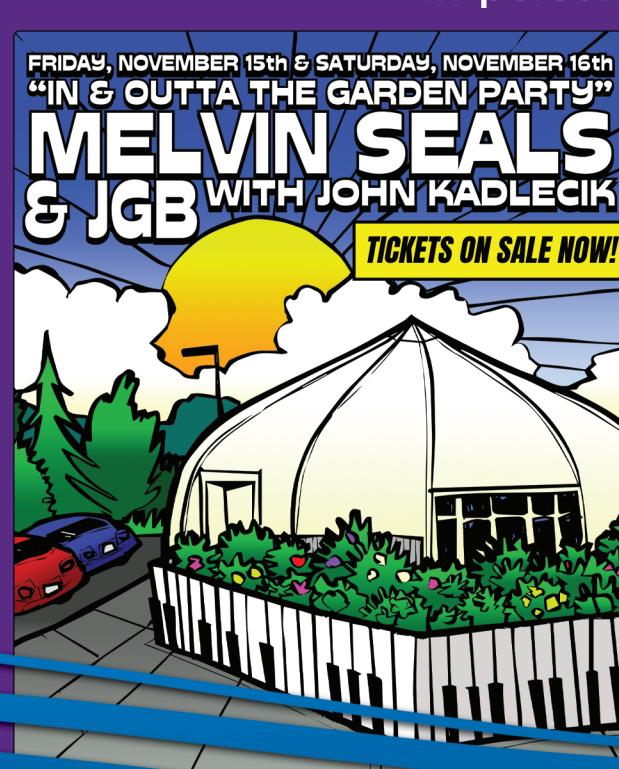
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## How to talk to your store manager about an uncomfortable subject

With increasing frequency, concerned Humboldt shoppers notify Zero Waste Humboldt about unnecessary plastic packaging and wasteful practices at their grocery stores.

ZWH always asks them what the store manager said when they brought it up. Almost none communicate with their store manager. My guess is that they are always in a rush or not ready to communicate with the store when they are frustrated.

But this moment is a Major Opportunity Missed, a potential tipping point, a teachable moment, the snowball about to roll, a chance to make a difference. It is obvious, now that we know



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Maggie Gainer

the environmental damage caused by wasteful packaging and production of single use plastics, that it is time for all of us to become consumer activists.

Here are just five suggestions to get started communicating more effectively with the stores where you shop.

1. If you don't have a few minutes to talk, keep a notepad and pen with your reusable shopping bag so you can write a question or recommendation to leave for your store manager. If you have a cell phone, you only have to record the store manager's email address or number to text once, and can give positive or negative feedback forevermore. Cell phone snapshots also help.

2. Ask questions, lots of ques-

tions. You will learn why they stock and display the food the ways they do.

3. Check your own habits. Do you seek out the items that are not layered in plastic packaging?

I often find that on the same shelves, the store offers the food or item I want with a no-package or no-plastic option and one that is over-packaged in plastic. This is a chance to check the difference in price. I always wonder when I see both options side-by-side, are they market testing how the shoppers will respond? Note to self: ask the store manager the next time I see wasteful and not waste options displayed on the shelf together.

4. Ask your store manager if they can offer more returnable options. We could dramatically reduce our household waste by volume and weight if we could return our milk bottle, juice, beer,



**APPROACHABLE** Friendly supermarket employees are recognizable in their natural habitat. Left, Miles Gonzaga and Jaime Graves at Murphy's Market in Sunny Brae.

MAGGIE GAINER | ZWH

kombucha, wine and water bottles each time we return to the store. Glass bottles are better, but if they have a returnable plastic bottle system for your favorite

to reduce waste.

Maggie Gainer is a waste reduction leader who lives in Bay-side.

## Renewable solution

The power blackout of October 9 was a wake up call for Humboldt County.

People scrambling to get basic supplies, waiting in gas lines for hours and those with medical conditions requiring power to run their oxygen machines or refrigeration to keep their medicines cold, panicking.

And we got off easy. Early predictions said that the blackout might last several days.

This is just the beginning of these climate change crisis-related episodes.

The outage in Humboldt County wasn't necessarily due to red flag conditions here but because we are dependent on two transmission lines that go through areas where they had to de energize the lines due to high wind conditions.

The thing is that we are an energy island, we don't generate enough of our own power and have to import electricity from other parts of the state so if transmission is shut down somewhere up the food chain, we're out of luck.

In order to deal with this problem we must become more energy independent. We need more renewable energy generation right here where we need it.

The Humboldt Wind Project is a proposed wind farm that will be looking to get a permit from the county this year.

It is essential that we let the board of Supervisors know that we want these projects to be built to supply us with local, renewable power.

Mary Sanger  
Manila

## ❖ LETTERS

### Questioning priorities

The Northern Union High School District (NUHSD) is smack in the middle of a true dilemma. The district administration says it can't agree to the 1.85 percent salary schedule raise certificated (teachers) proposed. The proposal was refused for various reasons, which the teachers/certified negotiation team debunked based on ferreting out the current district budget. The team found an excess of \$1,000,000 that will afford the salary increase and health benefit payments.

The NUHSD operates five high schools. The district hierarchy is pretty standard with a district administration and then each school having its own hierarchy. As it has been in the past, NUHSD presently is administrative top heavy. The negotiation team found more than a few excesses that adversely affect the district from meeting teachers' salary increase request: Administrative cell phones \$21,000 (11 at \$65/month and 11 at \$100/month) and Fund 40 Capital Outlay \$100,379.

Both items are highly questionable. Twenty-two district cell phones? Private server? Capital Outlay brings to mind Measure Q that was passed in 2010. Measure Q is all about capital outlay. For many more years every property owner in the district will continue paying for Measure Q. Measure Q is intended to pay for items/projects...site improvements, construction of buildings, energy conservation, etc. Why is

this \$100,000 even in the budget?

By the administration stonewalling, the district is drastically failing to meet its mission of "... providing a high quality, comprehensive education in a safe, supportive environment..." A supportive environment for all – teachers and students.

Though the elected School Board is the ultimate governing body of the NUHSD, the person at the helm of any organization is the most visible and will receive accolades or criticism, often times a mix. That is the case also with NUHSD. There is great disparity between the district superintendent's compensation and that of the teachers.

In addition to a six-figure salary, the Superintendent receives \$500/mo auto expense stipend. The superintendent has a staff that assists him in meeting his responsibilities. His director of fiscal services prepared an informative budget Power Point. In this protracted negotiation, the Superintendent is performing what has become an unpleasant task. However, negotiating is part of his job. He is paid to do that. Teachers, however, are paid to teach, not become labor negotiators. Teachers are making a case for equity in their work. They are striving to protect their own welfare by seeking a more just compensation. Teachers are the conduits that bring quality education to the classroom.

It is my hope the Board, which is the true governing body of the NUHSD, will support the certificated staff and comply with their offers as presented to the district.

(In 2006 I retired from teaching sophomore and junior English at Arcata High

School. The financial information in my letter is from the handout "By the Numbers," created by Northern Humboldt Union High School District Teachers' Association.)

Sincerely,  
**Pam Cavanagh**  
Arcata

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**Ross Rowley**  
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## ACV | Revenue guarantee

### ❖ FROM A3

Region Economic Development Commission (RREDC) have worked closely together to retain and expand air service in Humboldt County," said RREDC Executive Director Gregg Foster. "We have partnered through RREDC's Fly Humboldt program to show the airlines that ACV is a good investment and to provide incentives for new service. RREDC and our partners have invested heavily in this effort and we believe that investment has been well spent."

RREDC executed an agreement with United Airlines to provide a \$505,000 "minimum revenue guarantee" to support the first year of service, from June 2018 through May 2019, to Los Angeles International Airport (LAX). These funds were pledged from generous community donors, the Humboldt County Visitors Bureau, and the County of Humboldt Headwaters Fund. However, due to the success of the new service, less than \$37,500 of that money was used. In addition, to accommodate passenger demand, United added a second daily departure in May 2019. In the first year of service, approximately 17,400 passengers boarded planes bound for LAX.

"LAX started off strong and stayed that way throughout the year," said Roggatz. "On average the number of seats sold, called the 'load factor' is just shy of 90 percent, a very good number for us and the airlines. What's even better is that the new Denver service has started just as strong."

The first three months of Denver service has been very successful, with load factors between 87% to 94%. This strong start has led United to schedule larger 70 and 76-seat aircraft starting October 28th. Currently, a 50-seat jet is being used.

"Clearly United has confidence in this market and our community has proven that we'll support new service," said Foster. "With the rapid expansion of both the Los Angeles and Denver services, we now have more reliable and flexible options for air travel."

The Department of Aviation and RREDC continue to work to expand air service. Currently, they are proposing new service to Sacramento, Portland and/or Seattle to several carriers.

## Housing | Apartments above Safeway and CVS pondered

### ❖ FROM A1

shopping center at its busiest. Most of its ample parking spaces were empty. He suggested offering existing tenants like Safeway and CVS Pharmacy incentives that would benefit them as well as the city, where the retail operations occurred on the first floor, with housing above.

In addition to a new Uniontown development, the city is also considering developing affordable housing in areas like the Creamery District and the Gateway area, where a community partnership recently yielded the ABC Building.

As a strategy, the city is more interested on infill development, that is developing existing sites in the main part of town, than developing in areas outside like the Arcata Bottom.

One option identified would be to develop city-owned parking lots by selling the air space above them to create affordable units.

Although Arcata doesn't have as many of these lots as larger municipalities, they do have some, and are considering all options to remain compliant with state laws.

## Fraud | Concerns about petty cash handling

### ❖ FROM A1

A related finding is that the Auditor-Controller's Office lacks the staffing needed to provide adequate employee training.

On the fraud risk finding, county administrative staff recommended disagreeing with it. But Auditor-Controller Karen Paz Dominguez, who was elected after campaigning for the office's reform, said a variety of risky situations exist and the response should be in agreement.

"Since I took office in January, I've seen 16 different situations that I would consider high risk situations," she said. "When we did the year-end balancing for petty cash, we found that petty cash has been lost, stolen, accidentally destroyed and there's unmonitored access to petty cash boxes."

Additionally, county departments purchase hundreds of dollars of gift cards "and those go regularly missing – there is no formal tracking of them."

Theft is also an issue. "I learned, through happenstance I suppose, that a former employee who was already suspected of stealing cash managed to also steal two motor pool vehicles," said Paz Dominguez.

After Paz Dominguez's breakdown of financial vulnerabilities, some supervisors were unconvinced that they represent high risk situations.

She allowed that "one petty cash box is, of course, immaterial to a \$300 million operating budget" and the county's current amount of available petty cash only totals \$27,000.

"I don't think anybody's going to go to jail for grand larceny for stealing petty cash but that combined with the 15 other things shows that there's a lot of need for attention and revisiting," she said.

Supervisor Mike Wilson said there's no doubt about that but "it's not the end-all process, we're going to be here next year and again and again – we're going to keep moving."

He added, "I'm trying to figure out, how freaked out should I be in terms of the numbers of this."

In a motion on the Grand Jury responses, Supervisor Steve Madrone went with the gist of the discussion and a response of "partially agree" to the high risk finding.

Throughout the discussion, supervisors acknowledged that there were serious problems with management of the office before Paz Dominguez took its helm. When she worked as assistant auditor controller, she had warned supervisors of the office's mismanagement.

"There have been huge problems with past practices and I think we all recognize that," Madrone said. "I, for one, very much appreciate you having brought that

to this board back in 2017 when you were starting to be a whistleblower on some of these activities going on in the department – and that's not an easy role."

Saying that the office "has come a long way" under Paz Dominguez's leadership and "attention to detail," Madrone said her judgement should be respected and he supports responses in full agreement with the Grand Jury findings.

Although he also said that "I don't think it's worth splitting hairs" on semantics, Madrone made a final effort to persuade full agreement prior to voting.

It was unsuccessful, however, and the board unanimously voted to "partially agree" with the high risk and lack of staff findings.

**BOO AT THE ZOO** The Sequoia Park Zoo and Foundation invite the community to the annual spook-tacular Halloween celebration, Boo at the Zoo on Sunday, Oct. 27, with activities from noon to 4 p.m. Enjoy frightfully delightful children's activities, a Spooky Science Laboratory and face painting. Take a stroll down the Extinction Trail and witness the Animal Pumpkin Stomp and Chomp! Show off your wild side and enter the Costume Contest with zoo prizes awarded. Halloween snacks and hot apple cider will be available for purchase at the Zoo Snack Shack, Vintage Cart in the Barnyard and a special Zoo Café menu will be created. All activities are included with general Zoo admission. Zoo Members join the fun for free!

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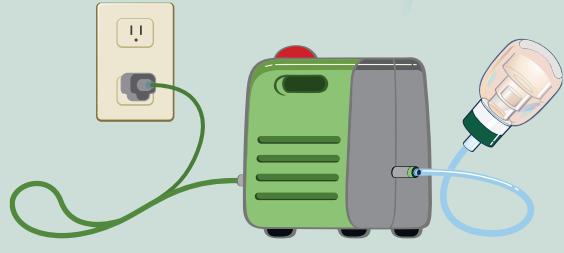
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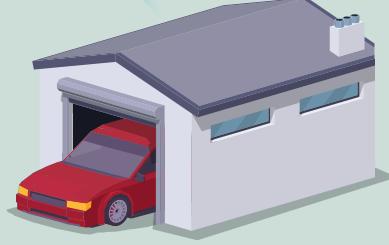
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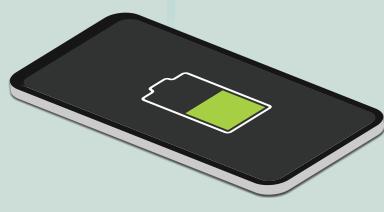
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## Cannabis firms get through blackout

**Steve Robles**

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ARCATA — As Arcata's citizenry held emergency barbecues to use food before it spoiled, in the city's Cannabis Innovation Zone, businesses struggled to keep thousands of dollars of inventory from doing the same.

Most of the companies in that zone offer trimming and extraction services, both of which are time-sensitive, and sometimes tied together.

For instance, once fresh flower has been trimmed, it often is flash-frozen to preserve some of the terpenes which define a flower's flavor profile and potency.

So businesses that must keep that trimmed flower at a certain temperature to keep it at its market val-

ue were very vulnerable to PG&E's controversial Public Safety Power Shutoff.

One such business, Arcata X, had a short window of time to come up with a strategy that would keep their inventory from becoming unusable.

They managed to procure a generator from a local provider, but even with that challenge met, it was no guarantor of success. Arcata X, like most such firms, runs on a complicated power grid, and keeping such a grid operating isn't a simple case as plugging in a power cord.

"We got lucky," said John, a line worker at Arcata X, pointing to the power generator that saved the company's inventory. "We managed to figure out the grid and get it all sorted

with the generator before we suffered any damage."

But even with the work-around, some employees were impacted by the PSPS. Some wouldn't have been able to accomplish their roles without power and had to be asked to stay home.

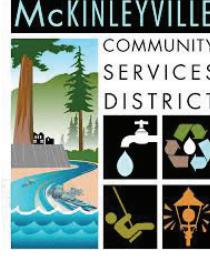
Another company which spoke on condition of anonymity also said it could only procure power to preserve its inventory, but not enough to keep its workforce at work.

"We got through it, but you have to feel for your employees who really can't afford to be forced to take a day off," said one owner. "I really hope PG&E figures out a better solution sooner than later."

**EUREKA HOMICIDE** The victim of a Sept. 26 assault that occurred at about 4:15 a.m. in the 400 block of Third Street in Eureka has died. An autopsy for Brett Keiling, 55, of Indiana, was scheduled for Oct. 11. The man's death is now being investigated as a homicide. Eureka Police were called to Third Street on the morning of Sept. 26 and found the injured man. He was rushed to a local hospital for medical care. Anyone with information is asked to call Senior Detective Ron Harpham at (707) 441-4305. Eureka Police will release further information when it becomes available. This is an active investigation. The victim's next of kin have been contacted by Eureka Police.

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## Outage | Strong winds, no fires

### FROM A1

effects this event will have on our customers and appreciate the public's patience as we do what is necessary to keep our communities safe and reduce the risk of wildfire," said Michael Lewis, PG&E's senior vice president of Electric Operations.

### Preparing for the shutoff

With advanced notice of the shutoff, many Humboldters prepared for the event by filling their vehicles with gas and buying ice and food supplies. Lines began to develop at local gas stations as people fueled up their vehicles and gas cans for their generators.

At about 7 p.m. there were more than two dozen vehicles at the Renner station at the north end of Eureka, and the line was growing by the minute. Some residents reported waiting in line 45 minutes to get gas in Arcata.

### Lights off

As announced, the power went out after midnight from about 12:30 to 3:30 a.m. Humboldters awoke Wednesday, Oct. 9 to powerless homes. Some went without coffee.

In Arcata, most businesses closed for the day. The Arcata Plaza resembled Christmas day, with most buildings shuttered and the lights off.

Among the exceptions in the downtown area was the North Coast Co-op, which kept its Arcata and Eureka stores open throughout the day.

"It was insanity," said Co-op General Manager Melanie Bettenhausen. "The lines were down the aisles." She credited Co-op employees for a hard day's work serving the higher-than-usual number of customers.

With several other stores closed, business was brisk, with Co-op sales up about 35 percent. All perishable items, including cheese, meat, dairy and frozen foods, were on sale at 50 percent off.

Bettenhausen said that the Arcata store has generators to run the registers, computers and some lights, but not its refrigeration system. When there's a power outage, the store is usually able to obtain a refrigerated truck, she said. This allows the store to weather a storm and save its perishable merchandise. However, because almost the entire northern section of the state was going to be without power, there were no refrigeration trucks available.

Bettenhausen said that on Thursday, Oct. 10, Recology delivered two large dumpsters, which employees spent the day filling with perishable food. She said the two stores were still calculating their food losses, which are expected to be tens of thousands of dollars. "I'd be happy if it came in under \$50,000," she said. Some of the loss may be covered by insurance.

Out in Glendale, business was brisk at Murphy's Market. All perishable items were half off, and customers were gobbling up canned goods and other supplies. The store quickly ran out of ice, as did many other retailers.

Although the power outage only lasted about 24 hours, there was uncertainty about when the power would come back. Some media reports indicated that the power could be out for a week. The uncertainty created some anxiousness, with residents not knowing how long they should plan to be without electricity.

### 'Festive and fun'

While some business lamented their forced closures and loss of business, others made the most of the situation.

Gene Joyce, owner of Arcata Exchange, found the atmosphere on the Plaza "festive and fun" on Wednesday, as Arcata inhabitants flocked to the downtown area in large numbers.

Business was strong, as he provided flashlights for customers to see his wares. With the use of a rotary phone, the line was kept open, and deliveries were made. However, on Thursday, the power start-up disrupted the shop's point-of-sale system, and Joyce was forced to spend several hours restarting it.

However, he applauded the community's management of the situation, citing Hensel's Hardware in particular as being helpful.

Ceva Courtemanche, owner of Hensel's Ace Hardware in Arcata, said the store sold out of batteries around 4 p.m. on Wednesday. She and her crew drove up to Medford, Oregon, stocked up on generators, flashlights, and batteries, made it back to Arcata at 3 a.m. Thursday, and restocked the shelves for the store's opening at 7:30 a.m.

"As a hardware store we feel it's our obligation to have this stuff," she said, and intends to keep larger supplies on hand of lanterns that double as cell phone chargers, batteries, and necessary hardware.

Joyce wondered if perhaps the Arcata Community Center could be opened during future outages as a safety place. "Blue Lake Casino set out tables and chairs and kept the lights on," he said. "Maybe the City of Arcata could do the same thing."

### Lack of notification

Some people complained that PG&E failed to notify the public in a timely manner.

Lush Newton, owner of The Art Center on the Plaza, said she thought PG&E's handling of the situation was poor. "It was bullshit," she said. "The least they could have done was given us an automated call letting us know what was happening. I had to find out last minute from an employee."

The Art Center's hours were curtailed and sales were down.

To sign up for text alerts and phone calls, visit [pge.com](http://pge.com).

### Conserving water, delivering food

During the outage, residents were encouraged to conserve water.

"The City of Arcata is recommending that all Arcata residents conserve water and minimize sewer use during this time," stated a press release from the City of Arcata issued during the outage. "City water or sewer service has not been affected by the power shutdown, but conservation efforts will help maintain services to residents until power is restored."

During the outage, PG&E opened two "Community Relief Centers" where residents could go to stay warm and use power charging station to keep their phones and other devices going. One center was at the Redwood Acres Fairgrounds, 3750 Harris St. in Eureka. The other was College of the Redwoods, at 7351 Tompkins Hill Rd. in Eureka.

Arcata House Partnership, at its annex at 501 Ninth St. in Arcata, offered lunch and dinner to community members in need.

Arcata House Partnership and the Arcata Police Department delivered meals to community members with mobility or transportation challenges, according to a City of Arcata press release.

### Waiting in line for gas

Some people waited until the day of the outage to fuel their vehicles. In Blue Lake, the line of vehicles waiting to buy gas at the Blue Lake Rancheria Play Station 777 stretched all the way back to the roundabout on Blue Lake Boulevard. Motorists had to wait about half an hour to fuel up and were limited to no more than \$20 in gas. There were also long lines at the Renner in Arcata.

Initial reports suggested that the power outage could extend for days, with some sources suggesting power would be off for nearly a week. But good news came later that evening, when PG&E announced that the power would come back on either late Wednesday, or early Thursday.

For most of Humboldt, power came back on early Thursday morning.

According to PG&E, there were no fires related to any of the company's lines or facilities during the power outage.

### School closures

Numerous schools closed due to the outage, including Humboldt State University, which was closed on Wednesday and even on Thursday, after power was restored.

"University staff will be conducting safety checks, re-granting key access, and re-opening secured spaces throughout the day," stated a press release issued Thursday, Oct. 10 by HSU. "The priority will be campus residence halls as well as services related to health and safety. Early re-opening efforts will also focus on gathering places such as the University Center and the University Library. Later today, staff will check on all classrooms and labs prior to classes resuming on Friday."

Other schools and school districts that were closed included Southern Humboldt USD, Big Lagoon School/District, Trinity Valley Elementary, Fuente Nueva Charter School, Pacific View Charter School, Cuddeback School/District, Coastal Grove Charter School, Fortuna Elementary School District, Rio Dell School District, Trinidad School/District, Scotia School/District, Loleta School District, McKinleyville Union School District and HCOE Student Programs (includes all Glen Paul programs at Fortuna and Peninsula.)

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# SCENE

SECTION B

OCTOBER 16, 2019



**FRONT COUNTRY** performs on Sunday, Oct. 20 at 7 p.m. in a Center Arts concert at Humboldt State.

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## Out Front with Front Country

**W**hat's in a name? As a band name, **Front Country** was supposed to offer an alternative to "back country" to indicate their roots in the more or less urban San Francisco Bay Area where they got their start.

But after moving to Nashville, it perhaps changed its meaning. "We do have 'Country' in the name, which can be kind of confusing, but I don't consider our band to be very 'country,'" explained the band's lead singer, former Humboldtter **Melody Walker**. "I'd say we're adjacent to bluegrass and adjacent to country."

NPR's **All Things Considered** categorized their style as "string-band pop" and when a UK reviewer dubbed an album "roots pop," they picked up on that in their p.r. She figures Americana also fits, but that describes so many bands you can get lost in the big tent. Whatever.

When Front Country plays a CenterArts show at Fulkerson Hall Sunday, Oct. 20, you'll find Melody out front on lead vocals (and occasionally guitar), with **Jacob Groopman** on lead guitar, resophonic guitar and mandolin, **Adam Roszkiewicz** on mandolin and banjo, and **Jeremy Darrow** on standup bass.

This year, the band went from a quintet to a quartet with the loss of their fiddler, **Lief Karlstrom**, a founding member who left to take up a career as a geology teacher at U. Oregon, and to raise a new family. It takes them a step way from the more traditional bluegrass sound, not that they were ever traditional.

Sunday's show will mean a return to her alma mater — Melody earned a music degree from Humboldt State in 2008 — and a return to a stage she's been on many times. She actually inquired about changing venues, since Fulkerson Hall brings back a few somewhat "traumatic" memories. "You know it's the recital hall, the place of fear and judgments," she said. "It was also a place of learning and growth. When you bring your act back there, you wonder if you'll measure up."

What did she learn at Humboldt? "I think I was lucky to study music there and to play around Arcata. The music scene is so tightly knit, but open. I was able to learn to play a bunch of different instruments [in school] and to join several local bands and get experience gigging as well." She played with a wide range of local bands in Arcata including the Worldbeat outfit **WoMama**, the vocal group **Aka-Bella**, and fem-folk band **Vintner's**



Bob Doran

### Daughters.

With Front Country she's moving up the proverbial musical ladder. "We have a new album that we've just finished, but it probably won't come out until next year." It showcases the new lineup, plus drums, which may lead to adding a drummer to their touring unit.

Since relocating to Tennessee, it seems like they've been on a perpetual tour, moving up to working the festival circuit. "All summer we've played festivals, it's pretty sweet," said Melody. When we talked via phone she was at a festival in Florida. "Sweet" because it's more lucrative than touring, and they tour a lot. "We do about 130 dates, and there's travel days," which means they spend 2/3 of the year on the road from home base in Nashville with travel including to Australia and the UK and some one-offs in France and Tibet. (How they ended up in Tibet is "a long story," one for another day.) Catch the band when you can. Showtime is 8 p.m. on Sunday.

Today, Oct. 16, pick your scene. There's a "**Grateful Dead Music Jam**" at The Jam with "musicians from some of your favorite local bands getting together" to play from the Dead canon. Tie-dye and trance dancing not required.

Or, at **Synapsis**, the Bulgarian folk "legends" of **Bulgarika**, offer "traditional music dance parties, weddings, concerts and special occasions." The folks at **HumboldtFolkdancers.org**, responsible for this special occasion, promise, "Audience members will also have the opportunity to learn traditional dances." You must dance. Showtime 7:30 p.m.

The Depot at HSU somehow becomes "**The Coffee House**" on Thursdays for free shows, this week with DJs from the **Arcata Soul Party crew**, **#Jaymorg** and **Funky T Rex** spinning vinyl on Oct. 17, 6 p.m. Next Thursday (10/24) it's **Monsieure**, an "electronic renegade."

Friday at Bayside Community Hall (at 5 p.m.) it's **Rockin' Ramen**, a fundraiser for **Taiko Swing Humboldt**, with traditional ramen prepared by **Chef Johnny Honda** and music by **Bandemonium**, a Taiko drum performance and "special guests."

Buy one-of-a-kind ceramic ramen bowls by artists at **Fire Arts**, or silent or raffle items, all benefitting bringing **Swingposium** from the Bay Area (coming in January) where taiko met swing band music when Japanese Americans were incarcerated during WWII.

Bigfoot fans will not want to miss the classic horror film **The Legend of Boggy Creek** from 1972 coming to the Eureka Theater Friday at 7:30 p.m. The low-budget docudrama was a surprise blockbuster, and a drive-in classic.

Or, at Humbrews Friday there's **Fat Laces 3: Night of the Living Bassheads** with **DJ Red**, **#Jaymorg**, **Chill Will** and special guest **DJ Goldylocks** "dropping classic boogie, '80s electro, and classics from rap's golden era."

The Miniplex at Richard's Goat has a free alt. showcase with **The Sturgeons**, **CT Bombers** and **Pills for Thrills**, all new bands I haven't heard yet.

Out in Blue Lake that Friday at The Logger, **Clean Girl & The Dirty Dishes (1/2 of Monster Women)** and joined by **Former Chimps**, a "new local supergroup with members of **Splintercell**, **Buffy Swayze**, **the Hitch**, and so many more." Meanwhile across town, **Lone Star Junction** twangs some outlaw country at Blue Lake Casino.

Let's call Saturday covers night in NoHum. You have a Talking Heads dance party with **Naive Melodies** at the Jam. Over at Humbrews it's **The Undercovers**, "playing everything from AC/DC to Bruno Mars, Led Zeppelin to Notorious B.I.G." And you have ubiquitous Dead covers by **The Miracle Show** at Blue Lake Casino creating "flashbacks of that indescribable feeling of a great Dead show," that you may or may not remember.

Looking for something crafty? Saturday, Oct. 19, at Arts & Crafts (in Old Town) it's an all day "**Craft Punk**" thing noon to midnight with music by **Dirt Magic** ("heavy bluesy rock"), **Bowlegged Buzzards** ("gypsy punk") and **The Scum Lourdes** ("glitter punk") and punkish crafting led by **Lauren Miller** of **Altar Ego**, **Michael Deakin** of **Blue Ox Millworks**, and screen printing by **Maximus**. All for free.

Saturday is **Sneaker Night Arcata Theatre Lounge** with **World Famous** presenting **Onhell**, **Psy Fi**, **Hypha** and **Rhizae**. "Come enjoy dope beats, dope vibes, and don't forget to rock your favorite (dope) sneakers!"

Very heavy rock at the Alibi Saturday night with **Lord Ellis** and their friends from Port Angeles, Wash. **Teepee Creeper**, a trio with "noise-stoner-doom-punk-metal influences." Between making whiskey and hammering nails, **Lord Bohner** has little time for rockin' thus, "This is looking like the only time we'll be playing out this year. So, we'll have to pack in a year's worth of energy into this show!" Be there!

In SoHum Sunday, Oct. 20, at the Mateel, Ineffable Live presents top shelf Caribbean reggae with **Colie Buddz** (aka Colin Patrick Harper) from the Bermuda Islands, plus **Keznamdi**, from Kingston, Jamaica.

Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 21 and 22, **Jenny Scheinman and Allison Miller's Parlour Game** plays at the Arcata Playhouse. Full details elsewhere.

Tuesday, Oct. 22, at the Arkley Center, CenterArts presents masterful songwriter/storyteller **Todd Snider** with his folksongs, on tour with the true master of storytelling, **Ramblin' Jack Elliot**, who at 88 has a great many stories to tell. Starts at 7 p.m.

And, to quote Porky, "That's all folks."



**AT ARCATA PLAYHOUSE** Jenny Scheinman and Allison Miller will give two performances next week at the Arcata Playhouse.

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## Parlour Game at Arcata Playhouse

ARCATA PLAYHOUSE

CREAMERY DISTRICT — The Redwood Jazz Alliance and the Arcata Playhouse have teamed up to present Jenny Scheinman and Allison Miller's Parlour Game in a two-night stand at the Arcata Playhouse, Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 21 and 22.

There are different ticket prices each night, as the Monday night show is presented by the Redwood Jazz Alliance and is part of the current RJA season, while the Tuesday night show is presented independently by the Arcata Playhouse. Both shows have an early start time of 7 p.m.

Parlour Game will also offer a free public workshop

in Fulkerson Recital Hall at noon on Tuesday, Oct. 22, with support from the HSU Music Department and the College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences.

Scheinman and Miller have played locally multiple times with various bands, but this is their first visit with their new co-led band Parlour Game.

Fresh off appearances at the Newport and Monterey Jazz Festivals, Parlour Game is driven by Scheinman's compositions, with key contributions from Miller. Scheinman has always had irons in multiple musical fires, and one can hear elements of fiddle tunes, singer-songwriter pop, rock, and straight-ahead jazz in the music she's written for this quartet. What helps unify all the disparate strains is a certain convivial spirit.

"In the earlier part of my career I often explored dark things," Scheinman said. "I would say artists tend to do that. It's an easy access point to finding depth, gravity and weight. But humor and light and buoyancy don't have to be cloying or sentimental. They have their own depth."

The conviviality extends to the makeup of the band. Parlour Game was born on tour when pianist Carmen Staaf and bassist Tony Scherr were subbing in Allison Miller's Boom Tic Boom. There was an immediate chemistry. "Even the edgiest material swung," said Miller, "and we realized that we had found something really special. It felt so good!"

PLAYHOUSE ♦ B3

**McKINLEYVILLE POP-UP MUSEUM** A night of art, history and fun for all ages takes place Friday, Oct. 18 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the McKinleyville Pop-Up Museum, located at the McKinleyville Shopping Center. There will be history exhibits and enchanted and abstract art by numerous local artists. Also featuring "Frankentoys" by the McKinleyville Teen Center. Complete a museum quest to claim a pumpkin or other prize. There will be free apples, moon pies and other snacks. This kid friendly event is free.

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**ARCHAEOLOGY DAY** On Sunday, Oct. 20 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., the Clarke Historical Museum in Eureka is hosting the 7th annual Archaeology Day. This free, family-friendly event is designed for people of all ages to learn about what archaeology is and how to excavate artifacts responsibly. The event is being held partnership with California State Parks, Redwood National Park, Humboldt State University's Anthropology Club and Cultural Resource Facility, California Fish and Wildlife and Caltrans. The activities include demonstrations of flint knapping, as Michael Peterson of Redwood National Park demonstrates in this photo. There will also be make-and-take artwork, a hands-on mock excavation site suitable for all ages, and professional archaeologists explaining the work they perform. For more information, visit [clarkemuseum.org](http://clarkemuseum.org), call (707) 443.1947. The museum is located at 240 E St. in Old Town Eureka.

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## Workshops look at local energy future

### REDWOOD COAST ENERGY AUTHORITY

HUMBOLDT — The Redwood Coast Energy Authority (RCEA) continues efforts to update its guiding plan with two public workshops.

Both workshops will be held at the Humboldt Bay Aquatic Center, 721 Waterfront Dr. in Eureka, Room 203.

The Thursday, Oct. 17 workshop, from 5:30 to 7 p.m., is an opportunity to learn about and discuss RCEA's Comprehensive Action Plan for Energy (CAPE), which incorporates public input received during the plan's first update phase in August and September. The CAPE, adopted in 2012, de-

tails strategies to address regional energy planning and coordination, energy programs for residences and businesses, low-carbon transportation, and energy generation and utility services.

On Friday, Oct. 18, from 1 to 4 p.m., the Forestry, Energy and the Environment workshop will focus on the use of biomass for electricity generation in RCEA's energy mix.

Biomass power derived from mill residuals and other wood waste has been a significant source of locally generated electricity in Humboldt County since the 1980s and has been an element of RCEA's community choice energy program's renewable energy

power mix since 2017.

At this workshop, a diverse panel of experts, facilitated by Michael Furniss, will share information, discuss, and answer questions about the role of biomass power in meeting our local electricity needs as well as its role in managing local forest lands and our local economy's forest products sector.

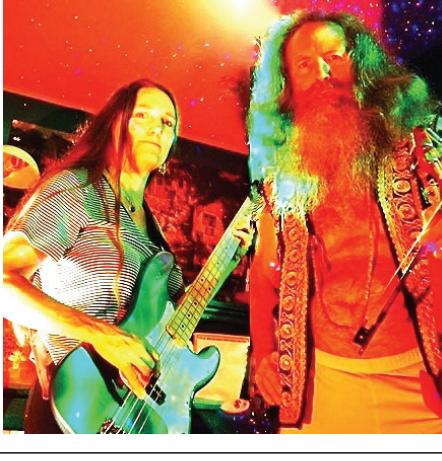
Comments on the Draft CAPE should be emailed to [EnergyPlan2019@redwoodenergy.org](mailto:EnergyPlan2019@redwoodenergy.org).

Meeting agendas, CAPE update timeline, and additional details can be found on RCEA's website, [RedwoodEnergy.org](http://RedwoodEnergy.org) and by calling (707) 269-1700.

Refreshments will be served.

**FLYING OMS** perform at McKinleyville Farmers Market at the Eureka Natural Foods parking lot 2165 Central Ave., on Thursday, Oct. 24 from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. and the following night Friday, Oct. 25 they head to The Lounge at North Of Fourth, 207 Third St. in Eureka from 8 to 11 p.m. They will rock some 17th century dance tunes, grapple with a Gypsy bear dance, maybe a Bolero, and heat it up with some jazz fusion, bebop, blues and a few funky fiddle tunes – with acoustic violin/fiddle and guitar sounds. The duo features Rob Diggins, synthviolin/guitar/vocals and Joli Einen, violin/bass/vocals.

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### FROM B1

As for Scheinman and Miller: they first met in Brooklyn in the early 2000s. Scheinman had come from a rural background and was immersed in the downtown New York City music scene.

Miller, whose musical origins were in Washington, DC swing, had a steady gig with organ legend Dr. Lonnie Smith. But their insatiable curiosity and general gregariousness brought them into a variety of genres.

Scheinman formed an enduring connection with Bill Frisell and wrote and released nine albums featuring some of the most innovative jazz musicians of our time, including Jason Moran, Ron Miles and Nels Cline. She also dove headfirst into the world of folk, rock, and country, touring with a number of iconic North American artists such as Lucinda Williams, Rodney Crowell, Robbie Fulks and Bruce Cockburn.

Meanwhile, Miller joined Sweet Honey in the Rock's Toshi Reagon and did a long stint in Natalie Merchant's band. She also worked with Ben Allison, Renee Rosnes,

Brandi Carlile and Ani DiFranco and taught at the New School and the Stanford Jazz Workshop. More recently, she's been the recurring special guest drummer on Late Night With Seth Meyers.

Staaf and Scherr are also versed in numerous American genres, and they share a deep respect for roots music. Staaf has worked closely with Herbie Hancock and Wayne Shorter, and Scherr has played extensively with Bill Frisell, Sex Mob and Maria Schneider. Scherr once described Staaf as "totally unpredictable, and totally reliable." Seated quietly at her piano, Staaf opens up a magnificent world of harmony while Scherr follows from below, grounding her most outrageous revelations.

At the time of writing, a limited number of advance tickets to the Monday, Oct. 21 show (\$15 general admission, \$10 students and seniors) were still available at Wildberries, Wildwood Music, People's Records, and The Works. Advance tickets to the Tuesday, Oct. 22 show (\$20 general admission, \$18 Playhouse members) may be purchased at Wildberries, Brown Paper Tickets, and the Arcata Playhouse.

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## Workshops look at local energy future

## \$1.5 million for cannabis industry

### COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

HUMBOLDT — Those involved in the local cannabis industry will have two opportunities to receive funding through the county's Project Trellis to help their businesses and combat the effect of the war on drugs. In total, more than \$1.5 million will be available to fund cannabis projects.

### Micro-grants and loans

First, the Humboldt County Cannabis Micro-Grant & Loan Advisory Committee (CMGLAC), aka the Project Trellis Committee, will be accepting applications for micro-business grants beginning Monday, Oct. 14.

The deadline

## Come meet sweet Basil and Rufus

The shelter has announced the date for this year's Holiday Open House. It will take place on Saturday, Dec. 14. This event is a benefit for the shelter's Emergency Medical Fund, which provides needed veterinary care for dogs and cats who have orthopedic injuries, heartworm, or other serious conditions.

Though it's two months away, you can mark your calendar now and if you have items or services to donate to the Dutch and silent auctions, now is a good time to let the staff know.

Please call Patty or Jeannette at (707) 840-9132 for more information or to donate. My female dogs Lily and Baylee are getting ready for their annual stint in the Smooch Booth!

One dog that is set to benefit from the Emergency Medical Fund (EMF) is this adorable puppy Basil. Basil is a 4-month-old mixed breed male.

Picked up with his three sisters, he came to the shelter with a broken pelvis and an injured hip. We

can only guess what happened; perhaps a run-in with a motor vehicle?

Basil has been such a good sport as he waits for his hip surgery! He gets to spend part of each day up with the front office staff, charming everyone he meets with his gentle nature and his Dr. Seuss-like fuzzy head!

Basil is friendly with all of the other dogs that he has met. When he doesn't know what else to do, he will just sit down and wait. Basil will need a foster for his post-surgery recovery period which will take about eight weeks.

He will have a program of light exercise as he builds up the strength in his leg. Our foster families get the first option to adopt but are not obligated to do so. Fosters provide love and care. All medical expenses are covered by the shelter and the EMF.

Our friendly 2-year-old dog Rufus is still waiting for a medical foster to step up so that he might move forward with his heartworm treatment. He recently attended Bark in the Park and loved meeting all



the dogs and people.

He recently had a visit from the family that found him and demonstrated perfect dog manners when meeting their older dog who couldn't decide whether to play with Rufus or pull rank on him.

Rufus needs a quiet place to ride out his treatment but will make an excellent and playful family dog when his treatment is completed and he is allowed to play again. Meanwhile, he'd be happy to just hang out around the house and cuddle with his new friends. If you would like to meet Basil or Rufus, please stop by the shelter at 980 Lycoming Ave. in McKinleyville or for more information, contact Redwood Pals Rescue by email at [redwoodpalsrescue@gmail.com](mailto:redwoodpalsrescue@gmail.com) or voicemail at (707) 633-8842. We look forward to hearing from you!



## Rock musical at HSU

### HUMBOLDT STATE

HSU – The Theatre, Film and Dance Department and the Music Department at Humboldt State University present *Heathers The Musical*, a rock musical with book, music and lyrics by Kevin Murphy and Laurence O'Keefe, based on the 1988 film *Heathers* written by Daniel Waters.

Performances are at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 25, Saturday, Oct. 26, Friday, Nov. 1 and Saturday, Nov. 2 in the Van Duzer Theatre on campus. Matinee performances take place at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 27 and Sunday, Nov. 3.

After a sold-out Los Angeles tryout in 2013, the show moved Off-Broadway in 2014 and then traveled to Australia in 2015 and 2016 and to London in 2018.

In the musical, Veronica Sawyer is a brainy teenage misfit who hustles her way into the most powerful and ruthless clique at Westerberg High: the Heathers – three ultra-rich and ultra-popular girls who rule the school through fear and intimidation.

But misfit Veronica rejects their evil regime and falls in love with the dangerous sexy new kid J.D. who plans to put the Heathers in their place – six feet under.

While the musical is a darkly satirical look at high school life and the struggles of teenagers, the show mirrors what is happening today and opens conversations about troubling issues, including bullying, gun violence, teen suicide, sexual assault and violence in schools.

Rae Robison, Associate Professor of Theatre Arts, directs the production. Robison explains that "it is unfortunate that bullying, violence, hate speech, and problems teenagers and adults face daily is still in the forefront of our society, but I think we are at a point in time where we are more aggressively saying NO to bullies. Stepping up when someone is being bullied. Stepping in when someone is having suicidal thoughts. Stepping forward with being more inclusive and understanding. Or at least I hope so. This play gives us the opportunity to expose the ugly, mean side of human nature, recognize it for what it is."



**HEATHERS, THE MUSICAL** The show stars Gwynnevere Cristobal as Veronica and William English III as J.D.

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is, and make the changes necessary to be better human beings."

Associate Professor of Music Elisabeth Harrington is Music Director. Harrington describes the music as "extremely well written and very challenging in spots for both band and singers. There are lots of beautiful moments, as well as large rock and roll type numbers. Very fast-paced." The live orchestra has six musicians including John Chernoff on keyboard.

The production includes 28 cast members and features Gwynnevere Cristobal as Veronica, William English III as J.D. and Kiara Hudlin, Liz Whittemore and Caitlin Pyle as the Heathers.

Scenic and lighting designs are by Raymond Gutierrez, costume design by Tzveta Stoimenova, properties design by Destiny Aguilera and hair and make-up design by Stephanie Thomas. Choreography is by Tatum Olander. The production will be stage managed by Grady Moore.

General admission is \$15. Students and seniors are \$10.

The show is recommended for middle school age and older due to adult language and situations. Not intended for children. Lot parking is free on weekends. For tickets, please call (707) 826-3928 or go online at [centerarts.humboldt.edu/Online/](http://centerarts.humboldt.edu/Online/).

**10-MINUTE PLAY FESTIVAL** The Arcata Playhouse, located at 1251 Ninth St. in Arcata, holds its Apprentice Entertainment 10-Minute Play Festival on Thursday, Oct. 17 and Friday, Oct. 18. The plays begin at 8 p.m. and general admission is \$10. Apprentice Entertainment (AE) will be showcasing, *Hope and James*, *The Broadcast and Genesis*, three original plays written, directed, designed, and performed by local teens. AE is a youth-led after-school arts collective that meets every Tuesday at the Arcata Playhouse to participate in a variety of activities. This teen collective creates theater, plans special events, and makes a yearly zine composed of prose, poetry and art. While attending, teens learn the ins and outs of event planning, promotion and design, with a focus on promoting an inclusive community.

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**HOT BUTTERED RUM** On Friday, Nov. 1 the Hot Buttered Rum Fall Tour kicks off at Humboldt Brews, 856 10th St., in Arcata. The 21-and-over show begins at 9:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 in advance. The band of 20 years is joined by Piet Dal-molen who will be kicking off the evening. HBR is fresh off performances at Hardly Strictly Bluegrass and Camp Deep End and rounds out the rest of the year with stops all throughout the Pacific Northwest. The tour then culminates with a NYE performance at HopMonk Tavern in Sebastopol where the band will be joined by The Highway Poets and Caitlin Jemma. Originally conceived on a back-country trip of high school and college buddies as a way to re-imagine Appalachian string band music from the vantage point of the High Sierra, Hot Buttered Rum has since found its way into the hearts, minds, and bodies of thousands. The group has toured the nation more times than its members can count, and yet still holds true to its goal to make California's own acoustic music, full of desert fire, glacial snowmelt and everything in between. [hotbutteredrum.net](http://hotbutteredrum.net)

### WORLD DANCE PARTY

The Humboldt Folk Dancers invite the public to a live music, World Dance Party, Friday, Nov. 1 from 8 to 11 p.m. at the Redwood Raks World Dance Studio, 824 L St., in the Creamery District in Arcata. The event features easy dances and an evening of world music with international bands. All ages and dance levels are welcome. (707) 496-6734. [humboldtfolk-dancers.org](http://humboldtfolk-dancers.org)

### HUMILITY TRAINING

A Cultural Humility Training takes place on Saturday, Nov. 2 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Senior Dining Room of the Arcata Community Center, 321 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway in Arcata. The event is hosted by Humboldt Mediation Services in partnership with the Humboldt State University Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (ODEI). For more information and to reserve your seat visit [humboldtmEDIATIONSERViceS.org](http://humboldtmEDIATIONSERViceS.org) or call (707) 445-2505. This training is free.

### CLIMATE MEETING

The 350 Humboldt, a local climate activist organization, holds its monthly meeting on Thursday, Oct. 17 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at El Chipotle Restaurant at 850 Crescent Way, in Sunny Brae, Arcata. A panel will be sharing their views on the use of bio-fuel to generate energy in the county. All are welcome. Questions can be directed to Gail Coonen at (707) 443-6943.



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